

COURTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 6

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We have had an extremely busy few weeks at Courtwood, and it's been nothing short of fantastic! From exciting discoveries in the classroom to moments of creativity and collaboration; our children at Courtwood continue to make us proud. I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, most importantly, our incredible children. As we move towards the end of the Spring Term, we are looking forward to the weather steadily improving and making the most of our outdoor environment.

Attendance

National Expectation for whole school attendance is currently **95%**. Pupils whose attendance is less than 95% are referred to the Education Welfare Officer.

Whole School	93.6%	Year 3	94.1%
Reception	93.9%	Year 4	94.7%
Year 1	93%	Year 5	93.4%
Year 2	94.6%	Year 6	91.4%



Croydon Schools' Music Association's Festival 2024

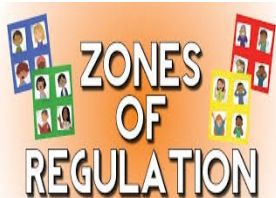
Last week, our school choir had the incredible opportunity to participate in the prestigious CSMA Festival, held at the Fairfield Halls. It was an event filled with music, joy and talent from various schools across the borough. Our children showcased their hard work, dedication and love for music representing our school with utmost pride. I am brimming with pride, that not only did our choir perform brilliantly as a group, but we also had the privilege of having one of our own children shine as a soloist.



ESAFETY

As we continue to navigate the digital landscape, we want to emphasize the importance of monitoring children's online activities, particularly their gaming and use of social media platforms. Recently, there has been a growing concern about the inappropriate use of language, in online spaces where our children interact. Please set clear guidelines regarding appropriate language and behaviour, actively monitoring and guiding your child's online behaviours to ensure they engage in respectful and safe communication at all times.

Share Kindness Online!



Tools for Regulation — Blue Zone — Increase Arousal

- Think happy thoughts
- Talk about your feelings
- Rub hands together
- Run on the spot
- Shoulder rub
- Ask for a hug
- Swinging or spinning
- Stretching or jumping jacks
- Vibration
- Drink water
- Crunchy foods

Book Week

Book week and, in particular, World Book Day, is always a huge part of the Courtwood calendar as we look to foster a love of reading in the children with a range of exciting activities.

Every class read 'The Emotional Menagerie' by The School of Life and wrote and performed poems based on the book.

On Friday, we had a brilliant dress up day as an array of our favourite book characters paraded through the school. Throughout the week, the children played a detective role as they tried to work out which teachers were reading behind a mask in our 'Masked Reader' competitions and finally we had a successful 'Wooden Spoon' competition, with over 100 entries, with spoons dressed as favourite characters.

Thank you to everyone who supported the school through our 'Sponsored Read' and Book Fair. We raised an incredible £850, resulting in Usborne giving us an additional £510. This money, the money raised from the book fair, and money raised by Teddy in Y4 selling origami book marks, means that we have a total of £1,600 for the school to spend on books. Thank-you!



British Science Week Investigation

This week, we are asking you to count (almost!) every single piece of plastic packaging waste that your household throws away - plastic waste that you put in the bin and plastic you put in the recycling. Try to count anything you throw away while out and about too, keeping a tally on the sheets sent home. Over next weekend, tally up your results and return the sheet into school on **Monday 18th March**. We will then tally together all the results. to provide us with Courtwood Primary's plastic footprint. These results will then be submitted and will provide the vital evidence we need to convince UK ministers, supermarkets and big brands to lead the way at global talks that could finally phase out plastic production for good!



**THE BIG
PLASTIC
COUNT
11-17 MARCH**



Please make sure your child has a water bottle with them everyday to ensure they have a drink with them each day.



Croydon Family Hub

[Family Hubs | Croydon Council](#) are a new way of bringing together all the support families may need from pregnancy through to young people turning 19 years or 25 if they have a disability. Croydon's first hub opened in August in the south of the borough in [Woodlands Children's Centre](#) (Farnborough Avenue). To find out more about Croydon Family Hubs or the Family Hub programme, please follow the link above.

A service delivered out of the Family Hub this month is [Croydon Healthy Homes](#) – You can go and speak to a qualified energy advisor, *Deborah Dokubo* and seek help and advice with heating your home and managing your energy bills.

Drop in on Thursday 28/3/24 from 9.30am – 12 noon

General Reminders

- Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit, including shoes each day for school.
- Children **must** bring a water bottle to school daily.
- Please ensure that you are collecting your child on time at the end of the school day. Late charges will be incurred as per our policy.
- The end of the day is very busy for the office. Please do not call after 3pm unless an absolute emergency. Please email to inform us of a change in the collection of your child, giving plenty of notice so that this can be passed onto their class teacher before 3pm.

Important Dates

- **Friday 15th March** – Crazy Hair Day – Red Nose Day
- **Tuesday 19th March** – Dad's Breakfast – 8am
- **Thursday 28th March** – Break up 2pm Easter Holidays
- **Monday 15th April** – School re-opens
- **Tuesday 23rd April** – Mum's Breakfast – 8am
- **Thursday 2nd May** – School Closed – Polling Day
- **Monday 6th May** – School Closed – Bank Holiday
- **Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May** – Year 6 SATs
- **Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May** – Half Term
- **Monday 3rd June** – School re-opens
- **Friday 19th July** – Break up 2pm Summer Holidays